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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Tarles Pauley,

OLDENDORFF CARRIERS GmbH & Co. KG,

Plaintiff,

-against-

KAS MARITIME SHIPPING LINES LTD.,

Defendant.

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VERIFIED COMPLA



Plaintiff, OLDENDORFF CARRIERS GmbH & Co. KG ("Plaintiff"), by its attorneys Blank Rome LLP, complaining of the above-named Defendant, KAS MARITIME SHIPPING LINES LTD. ("Defendant"), alleges upon information and belief as follows:

- 1. This is a case of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, as hereinafter more fully appears, and is an admiralty or maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court has admiralty jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1333.
- 2. At all material times, Plaintiff was and now is a foreign corporation with its principal place of business at Willy Brandt Allee 6 D 23554 Luebeck, Germany.
- 3. At all material times, Defendant was and is a Liberian corporation or other business entity organized under the laws of a foreign nation and has no place of business in the United States.

- 4. By a charter party dated on or about June 20, 2007 ("the Charter"), Plaintiff chartered the M/V YAKIMA ("the Vessel") to Defendant for a time-chartered trip of approximately 65 days.
- 5. In breach of the Charter, Defendant failed to pay charter hire in the sum of \$656,323.43, which remains unpaid, despite due demand.
- 6. The Charter provided for arbitration of disputes in London. Plaintiff reserves its right to arbitrate the disputes, pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 8.
- 7. Maritime Arbitrators in London award interest, legal fees and arbitral costs to a successful party. Plaintiff estimates: recoverable interest will amount to at least \$95,000 at a rate of 5% per year for at least 3 years; recoverable arbitral costs will be incurred in pursuing its claim against Defendant in the sum of at least \$50,000; and recoverable legal expenses will be incurred in the sum of at least \$50,000, amounting in all to recoverable interest and expenses of at least \$195,000.
- 8. The total amount of Plaintiff's claims for which Plaintiff requests issuance of Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment is \$851,323.43.
- 9. Defendants cannot be found within this district within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but Defendants are believed to have or will have during the pendency of this action, assets within this district consisting of cash, funds, freight, hire credits in the hands of garnishees in this District, including but not limited to electronic fund transfers.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

A. That process in due form of law issue against the Defendants, citing them to

appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Complaint;

В. That since the Defendants cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule B

of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty and Maritime Claims, this Court issue an Order

directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant

to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, attaching all of

Defendants' tangible or intangible property or any other funds held by any garnishee in the

district which are due and owing or otherwise the property of to the Defendant up to the amount

of \$851,323.43 to secure the Plaintiff's claims, and that all persons claiming any interest in the

same be cited to appear and pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B answer the matters

alleged in the Complaint;

C. That this Court enter judgment for Plaintiff's damages plus interest and costs, or

retain jurisdiction over this matter through the entry of a judgment on an arbitration award.

That Plaintiff may have such other, further and different relief as may be just and D.

proper.

Dated: New York, NY

September 25, 2007

Respectfully submitted, BLANK ROME, LLP

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

LeRoy Lambert, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I am a member of the bar of this Honorable Court and of the firm of Blank Rome
 LLP, attorneys for the Plaintiff.
 - 2. I have read the foregoing Complaint and I believe the contents thereof are true.
- 3. The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by Plaintiff is that Plaintiff is a foreign corporation, no officer or director of which is within this jurisdiction.
- 4. The sources of my information and belief are documents provided to me and statements made to me by representatives of the Plaintiff.

LeRoy Lambert

Sworn to before me this 25th day of September, 2007

Notary Public

PLAINE BONOWITZ
Notary Public, State of New York
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AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT TO SUPPLEMENTAL RULE B

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LeRoy Lambert, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a member of the Bar of this Honorable Court and a member of the firm of Blank Rome LLP, attorneys for the Plaintiff herein. I am familiar with the circumstances of the Verified Complaint and submit this affidavit in support of Plaintiff's request for the issuance of Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment of the property of defendant KAS MARITIME SHIPPING LINES LTD., ("Defendant"), a foreign corporation, pursuant to Supplemental Rule B For Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

- 2. Defendant is a party to the maritime contract of charter party on which this claim is based, and is a foreign corporation or other business entity organized and existing under the laws of Germany or another foreign jurisdiction.
- 3. Under my supervision, my office conducted a search of the New York State Secretary of State, Division of Corporations, the Transportation Tickler, telephone assistance, and a general internet search.
- In our search, we did not find any listing or reference to Defendant in this judicial 4, district or the state of New York. In the circumstances, I believe Defendant cannot be found within this district.

Sworn to before me this 25th day of September, 2007

ELAINE BONOWITZ Notary Public, State of New York No. 43-4893320 Qualified in Richmond County Certificate Filed in New York County Commission Expires May 11, 20